IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michihiro Ohnishi et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/550,302)) Examiner: Forman, Betty J.
Filed: September 22, 2005) Confirmation No.: 1171
For: MICROCHIP, KIT FOR EXTRACTING NUCLEIC ACID AND EXTRACTING METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID))))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 15, 2009, the period for response to which has been extended through November 15, 2009, by a Petition for Extension of Time of one month and a fee payment submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section and begin on page 5 of this paper.